However the Votaries of Pleasure may live unmindful of their approaching diſſolution, and endeavour to ſtifle the convictions of Conſcience, and drown Reflection, in the diſſipated purſuits of Debauchery and Licentiouſneſs, there is a time coming when Death ſhall put an end to their golden dreams, and teach them their folly; but alas! it may be too late for Repentance, for *as the tree falls, ſo it muſt lie; as death leaves them, judgment will find them**. How wiſe, how neceſſary, and how prudent then it is for every one, who wiſhes to enjoy eternal felicity in the world to come, to conſider and purſue

* Eccleſiaſtes xi. 13.

purſue in *this* world, "the things "that belong to his peace, be- "fore they are for ever hidden "from his eyes*."

Theſe are not the dictates of inexperience, nor the wild incoherences of methodiſtical enthuſiaſm; no, but what all in their more ſober and retired moments, muſt acknowledge and approve; and the men of the world will on a death bed (if ſenſible) earneſtly wiſh they had attended to and regarded.

What ſtings of conſcience wound the
Sinner's breaſt,
When he by *Death* receives his dire arreſt;
Sins unrepented of, diſtreſs his ſoul,
While o'er his mind forboding ſorrows
roll; Stinging

* Luke xix. 42.

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